



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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**TO: VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB INDUSTRY**

**FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**RE: LANDING LIMIT REDUCTION FOR THE 2017 VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB DREDGE FISHERY EFFECTIVE 6:00 P.M. TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2017**

It has been projected that 80% of the horseshoe crab commercial dredge quota has been taken. For that reason, it shall be unlawful for any valid commercial Horseshoe Crab Class A Dredge permittee to possess aboard any vessel or to land more than 1,250 horseshoe crabs per day. It shall also be unlawful for any valid commercial Horseshoe Crab Class B Dredge permittee to possess aboard any vessel or to land more than 500 horseshoe crabs per day. These regulatory requirements shall be effective 6:00 P.M. eastern daylight-savings time (EDT), Tuesday, May 30, 2017.

**Therefore, after Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 6:00 P.M., it shall be unlawful for any Horseshoe Crab Class A Dredge Permittees to possess aboard any vessel or land more than 1,250 horseshoe crabs per day and any Horseshoe Crab Class B Dredge Permittees to possess aboard any vessel or land more than 500 horseshoe crabs per day (Chapter 4 VAC 20-900-10 et seq.).**

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